

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Palmetto State has the 20th overall cancer incidence rate in the United States, with more than 22,000 diagnoses and 8,100 deaths among South Carolina residents this year; and

WHEREAS, increased public awareness and knowledge of healthy lifestyles, including good nutrition, daily exercise, the regular use of sunscreen, and the elimination of tobacco use and exposure to second-hand smoke may lead to a reduced risk of cancer; and

WHEREAS, continued research is needed to understand the causes, discover possible prevention strategies, develop effective screening methods, and find improved treatment options and an eventual cure for all forms of cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2007 as

CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to increase awareness of all cancers and to promote continued research into the causes and cure of cancer.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA